Senator Robert Mellow next took the floor and spoke highly of the civic pride that is being made manifest in Carbondale by two groups of citizens: the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall and the Pioneer Days Committee. Senator Mellow remarked that the Fourth Annual Pioneer Days Parade (August 28, 1982) was the best parade that he had ever participated in.

At the conclusion of Senator Mellow's remarks, Joseph Masco, Acting Managing Director of Carbondale, spoke to the group in Council Chambers, and expressed his pleasure, and that of the city of Carbondale, with the restoration committee's work on behalf of the city.

Joseph Pascoe, a charter member of the restoration committee, next read letters from invited guests who were unable to attend the dedication ceremonies: Governor Dick Thornburgh, Charles Luger and Robert W. Pettinato (Lackawanna County Commissioners). Congressman Joseph M. McDade and Dr. Larry Tise (Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission) were, in addition, unable to attend these ceremonies, due to prior commitments. Mayor Fred J. Mancuso was unable to attend the dedication ceremonies due to an illness.

George Beyer, of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, telephoned Powell on Friday, September 24, and stated: "I wanted to let you know that the PHMC has made every effort to be at the installation and dedication ceremonies on September 25th at Carbondale City Hall. Neither Dr. Tise nor I, however, will be able to attend, nor will David Salay of the Anthracite Museum in Scranton be able to attend. We will be represented in thought, however. We admire and appreciate the work